

INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

ACTION COPY

This Document must be Returned  
to the RM/R Central Files

File

54-52

Action

EUR

Info

RMR

SS

W

G

SP

C

L

INR

H

SECRET

Control: 9876

Rec'd: MARCH 16, 1959  
1:16 P.M.

FROM: MOSCOW

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1836, MARCH 16, 6 P.M.

7/29/60  
no reply necessary,

Vigderman/GER

1/10

SENT DEPARTMENT 1836; REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 357,  
PARIS 330, BONN 247, BERLIN 143.

NAN

LIMIT DISTRIBUTION

WHILE I HAVE NOT SEEN OUR POSITION PAPER ON SUBJECT I  
GATHER DEPARTMENT CONTEMPLATES AND WEST GERMANS FAVOR  
RAISING QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLE-  
MENT OF GERMAN QUESTION. ASSUME WE ARE RAISING THIS ISSUE  
LARGELY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE  
CERTAIN RISKS IN SUCH ACTION. EVEN IF WE DO NOT PUT FORWARD  
SPECIFIC PROPOSAL SOVIETS MIGHT DO SO AND ANY ARRANGEMENT  
FOR ENFORCEMENT WOULD INVOLVE AT LEAST TACIT RECOGNITION OF  
GDR. ANY AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE  
TO BE COINED IN FAIRLY BROAD LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE USED  
BY SOVIETS AND/OR EAST GERMANS FOR INTERVENTION IN BERLIN  
AND POSSIBLY WEST GERMANY. IF WE INTEND MAKING ANY  
AGREEMENTS INVOLVING EVEN DE FACTO RECOGNITION EXISTENCE  
GDR SUGGEST WE SHOULD GET HIGHER PRICE THAN VAGUE AND  
PROBABLY UNENFORCEABLE AGREEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. FROM  
PROPAGANDA VIEWPOINT SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY COUNTER BY  
POINTING TO SUPPRESSION COMMUNIST PART AND CHARGES OF  
MILITARISM AND FASCISM IN WEST GERMANY AND OUR INITIATIVE  
MIGHT ASSIST SOVIET EFFORTS TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS  
DESIGNED TO CURB SUCH ALLEGED TENDENCIES THERE. ANY  
AGREEMENT WHICH GAVE SOVIETS BASIS FOR INTERVENTION IN  
GERMAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE MOST DANGEROUS AND I FIND  
PARTICULARLY DISTURBING INDICATION BRITISH WILLINGNESS  
CONSIDER GIVING UNDERTAKING ABOUT "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND  
PROPAGANDA" IN BERLIN (PARIS TEL TO DEPT 3285). DEPARTMENT  
MAY HAVE PLAN FOR AVOIDING PITFALLS INDICATED ABOVE BUT  
BELIEVE THEY SHOULD CAREFULLY BE CONSIDERED.

762.09/3-1659

VHO  
PERMANENT  
RECORD COPY

SECRET

THOMPSON

UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED"  
REPRODUCTION FROM THIS

DECLASSIFIED

Authority NND 887404  
By AR NARA, Date 1-8-90